

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **AGENDA**

**Thursday~ April 28, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Conference Room B**  
**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

## **MEMBERS**

Matt Melarkey, Chair  
Coby Rowe, Vice-Chair  
Steven Robinson  
Arnold Pitts  
Jim Rhea

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[http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all\\_boards\\_committees/nv\\_wildlife\\_commissioners/index.php](http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all_boards_committees/nv_wildlife_commissioners/index.php)

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**Note:** Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; combined with other items; removed from the agenda; moved to the agenda of another meeting; moved to or from the Consent section; or may be voted on in a block. Items voted on in a block are considered a single item for purposes of public comment on action items as provided below in the description of the parameters for "Public Comment" section, so that there will be only one period of public comment on the block vote; any public comment made during that period may pertain to any of the items being voted on in the block, but there will not be separate public comment periods for each item within the block. The Consent is a single agenda item and is considered as a block and will not be read aloud.

**Time Limits** – Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

**Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business** – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife conducts the business of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on behalf of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

**Responses to Public Comments** – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the Public Comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. However, responses from Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel, and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will consider, the Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may choose not to respond to public comments except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting agenda. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: **“WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS”** [Non-action item].”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.
4. **APPROVAL OF March 17, 2022 MINUTES** [For possible action]
5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) May 5, 6, 2022 in Reno, NV
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; and 2) Overview of the March 25, 26, 2022 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. **CONSENT ITEMS – For Possible Action**
  - 7.a **Commission Policy 3 – Appeals – First Reading– For Possible Action**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 3, Appeals, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
  - 7.b **Commission Policy 4 – Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations – First Reading –For Possible Action**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 4, Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
  - 7.c **Commission Policy 21 – Game and Furbearer Management Plans – First Reading –For Possible Action**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 21, Game and Furbearer Management, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
  - 7.d **Commission Policy 22 – Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation of Wildlife – First Reading – For Possible Action**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 22, Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation of Wildlife, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

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- 7.e Commission Policy 25 – Wildlife Damage Management – First Reading – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 25, Wildlife Damage Management, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
- 7.f Commission Policy 26 – Managing Rocky Mountain Elk Population– First Reading – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 26, Managing Rocky Mountain Elk Populations, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
- 7.g Commission Policy 27 – Protection of Wildlife – First Reading –For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 27, Protection of Wildlife, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
- 7.h Commission Policy 28 – Transparency on Quota Setting – First Reading – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 28, Transparency on Quota Setting, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
- 7.i Commission Policy 29 – Elk Arbitration – First Reading –For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 29, Elk Arbitration, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
- 7.j Commission Policy 40 – Statewide Boating Safety – Second Reading – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 40, Statewide Boating Safety, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.
- 7.k Commission Policy 51 – Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award – First Reading –For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.
- 7.l Commission Policy 63 – Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds – Third Reading – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will have a third reading of Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

**End of Consent Items**

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**8. Final Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan – For Possible Action**

A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations for the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2023 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan.

**9. Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer –For Possible Action**

A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.385 that would allow the transfer of a game tag to a non-profit organization and determine the status of the tag if the Department is notified of the tag holder's death. This regulation was created after the passage of Assembly Bill 89 of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session.

**10. Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages –For Possible Action**

A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to consider amending NAC 502.4215 that would allow for the suspension of a person from the First Come First Served program for attempting to create an unfair advantage to obtain a big game tag.

**11. Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22 - Petition Process -For Possible Action**

A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to consider adopting changes to NAC 501.195 recommended by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee. The regulation was approved by the Committee at their March meeting and will be considered by the Commission for the first workshop.

**12. Commission Regulation 22-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2022-2023 Season –For Possible Action**

A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2022 - 2023 seasons.

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**13. Commission Regulation 22-09, Amendment #1, 2022 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits –For Possible Action**

A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to consider adopting the 2022 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, quotas, harvest limits, special regulations, animal sex, legal requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

**14. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only- Public Comment Allowed**

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – *Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.*

**16. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

**IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 10:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.**